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TO : Director of Training

DATE: 6 July 1955

FROM : C/PPS

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report No. 27
30 June to 6 July 1955

1. Deficiencies in Language Skills Among Agency Personnel

a. On 1 July 1955, Mr. Dulles requested that the DTR prepare a report on the status of language training in the Agency and problems related to deficiencies in language skills among Agency personnel.

b. Mr. Dulles' concern arose out of the Clark Committee report and a recent interview he had with a returnee from the Near East. The returnee told the Director that in the three years he had spent overseas he had not attempted to learn the language.

c. The DTR response to this request took the form of a short memorandum summarizing the basic problems contained in the OTR staff study prepared in August of 1954 on which no final action has yet been taken and recommending that the DCI approve in principle the recommendations contained in it. If Mr. Dulles approves, OTR will prepare the action papers to put the recommendations into effect and coordinate them with DD/P, DD/I, and DD/S prior to resubmittal for final approval.

2. Annex C (Support) General Plan Cold War

a. On 5 July 1955, C/PPS transmitted to the Chairman, CSPB Support Committee, the Training Section of Annex C. This section establishes a "training objective" for the General Plan Cold War and provides for the development of a training support annex for each Country Appendix or other operational program developed under the framework of the General Plan.

b. Under this Section of Annex C, Division and Staff Chiefs of DD/P will be responsible for the establishment of training requirements for the various categories of personnel assigned to carry out the specific operational objectives of the Plan and for the development of schedules for the processing of these personnel into training. The DTR will be responsible for the preparation of the Training Support Annex in each case and for prescribing the format and method whereby the DD/P components develop their requirements and schedules upon which the Annex will be based. This device will afford the DTR a basis for identifying the limiting factors which affect the capacity of the Agency to support each operational program under the Plan from a training viewpoint.

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a. On 27 May 1955, C/PPS advised PPC/DDP that the second offering of Project USEFUL for Senior Military War Planners would occur during the period 19-30 September. On 6 July PPC advised that it had thus far failed to notify [] of this fact as had been requested by this Staff.

b. It has been determined that sufficient time remains to accomplish security clearances, preparation of badges, and enrollment only because of the courtesy and efficiency of the OTR Security Officer who will be required to make special efforts in all phases of processing against very tight schedules. PPC is consumed with embarrassment over this situation since it was at their request that they be allowed to notify [] on this point.

4. CIA Representation in the National War College

a. On 6 July DTR recommended that the DCI make personal representations to SEC/DEF and SEC/State in an effort to restore the slot CIA lost in the 1955-1956 class at the National War College. The slot was lost because SEC/DEF wanted to put four civilians into the next class. NWC is operating to the fullest extent of its capacity to handle students.

b. If SEC/DEF holds firm, the DCI will attempt to persuade State to loan CIA one of its slots. This will require cancellation action since State has filled its quota for the coming class. The prospects for success in either course are doubtful, but each will be pursued on principle. Meanwhile, this Staff is working on the longer range problem of increased CIA participation in in future NWC classes.

5. Accomplishments and Objectives of OTR

a. On the basis of statements prepared by the Staff and School Chiefs, this Staff is developing the non-fiscal material for the annual budget presentation.

6. Classification and Wage Survey, Plans and Policy Staff

a. Job descriptions, T/O, and Mission and Functions statements for the Staff are being reviewed and revised in preparation for the survey by Mr. [] tentatively set for 14 or 15 July.

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